

**TITLE:** TRASH CHUTE  
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**DEFINITION:** A large tube through which refuse is carried by means of gravity to a large waste receptacle at the bottom end.

**PURPOSE:** A means of discarding trash, typically located in high-rise buildings.

**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Chute; Door; Latch; Compactor; Chute discharge fire door with fusible link; Wash valve; Spray head; Springs; Handle; Counterbalance

**LOCATION:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unit	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inside	Hallways of high-rises, hallway closets of high-rises, typically located in the same place on every floor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside	None

**MORE INFORMATION:** None

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Chute door does not open or self-close and latch.

**LOCATION:**  Inside

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**DEFICIENCY 2:** Chute is clogged.

**LOCATION:**  Inside

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DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: CHUTE DOOR DOES NOT OPEN OR SELF-CLOSE AND LATCH.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Chute door does not open.  
OR  
Chute door does not self-close and latch.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Moderate      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look to see if the door closes automatically.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Engage the latch and attempt to open the door.  
- If the door opens, release the door handle.  
- Ensure the door closes by itself.  
- Attempt to open the door without engaging the latch.

MORE INFORMATION: - None

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DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: CHUTE IS CLOGGED.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Trash is overflowing or backed up inside the chute.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION: - Look to see if trash is accumulated anywhere inside the chute above and below the door.
- REQUEST FOR HELP: - None
- ACTION: - Open the chute door.
- MORE INFORMATION: - None
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